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SUBJECT: TALK WITH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER SHARP,

APRIL 26: NORAD

1. THIS IS PART ONE OF A THREE-PART SERIES.

2. IN TOUR D'HORIZON WITH EXTAFF MINISTER SHARP APRIL 26, AMBASSADOR PORTER DISCUSSED NORAD AGREEMENT AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE. I INQUIRED WHETHER SHARP HAD ANY PRELIMINARY VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO THE EXTENSION OF THE NORAD AGREEMENT NEXT YEAR. HE SAID HE DID, AND ADDED THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO MOVE AWAY FROM AN AIR DEFENSE AGREEMENT TO SOMETHING MORE GENERAL AND FUNDAMENTAL. SHARP ADDED THAT NORAD DOES NOT FULLY REPRESENT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA IN DEFENSE MATTERS, WHICH WAS FAR WIDER THAN ONE LIMITED TO AIR DEFENSE ONLY. HE SAID HE WAS NOT NECESSARILY THINKING ABOUT AN AGREEMENT, BUT PERHAPS SOME KIND OF DECLARATION WHICH WOULD COVER DEFENSE MATTERS. END QUOTE.
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